



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



November 10, 2024

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parish Website: www.sssimonandjude.org

VETERANS DAY

REMEMBER.

HONOR.

RESPECT.





11/09/24-Saturday-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm The Deceased of the Mihlfried Family by Family

11/10/24-Sunday-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

11/11/24-Monday-St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00am The Deceased of the Denara & Morrow Families by Kathy Denara

11/13/24-Wednesday-St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00am Vilma F. McGill by Mildred Calhoun

11/15/24-Friday-St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Benjamin & Mary Boggio by Boggio Family

11/16/24-Saturday-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm For The People

11/17/24-Sunday-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Deceased Members of the K of C by Members

HOST IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY BAKER BY DAN BAKER.

WINE IN MEMORY OF DAVID W. BAKER, JR. BY DAN BAKER.

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF DAVID W., SR. & KATHERINE BAKER BY DAN BAKER.

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**MASS SCHEDULE
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT**

**MONDAYS Holy Hour-5:00 P.M.; Mass-6:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS 8:30 A.M.
THURSDAYS 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.**

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT+++

November 3, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,620.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 63.00
Total	\$ 5,683.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 455.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$ 225.00
Retired Religious.....	\$ 557.00
Cemetery Income.....	\$ 1,456.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1186

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 10

◆ Faith Formation, Grade 1-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Monday, November 11

◆ Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, November 12

◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13

◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

◆ Bible Study, Marian Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14

◆ Movie Night, Marian Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Levels 1 & 2 Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Levels 1, 2, & 3 Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Faith Formation

Sundays 10:15 a.m. -11:45 a.m.



**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
PASTORS REFLECTION**

1 Kings 17:10-16, Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44.

More Than Enough: The Reward of Giving All We Have

The law of survival tells us to watch out for ourselves first. Jesus condemns those who live by this law ("receive a very severe condemnation") and praises those who choose to give even out of their little.

The first reading is really about more than a widow who risks the last bit of her flour and oil to respond to Elijah's need. The story depicts the hundredfold God returns to those who are so exceptionally generous.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? In the gospel, Jesus tells us when he contrasts the behavior of the self-important scribes and the rich with the action of a poor and seemingly insignificant widow. Without calculating the cost to herself, the widow gave "all she had." Disciples, too, give all they have without counting the cost, calculating self-gain, or seeking attention. The "whole livelihood" disciples give is their very selves.

READINGS-November 17, 2024

Daniel 12:1-3 (1st)
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (2nd)
 Mark 13:24-32 (Gospel)
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



COULD YOUR SON GO TO SEMINARY?

Many parents, when their son expresses an interest in the priesthood, will dispense well-meaning advice: "Get some life experience first—and at least a college degree—then think about seminary later." Some moms and dads even hope that with a nice girlfriend and a good job, the idea of priesthood will fade away. The problem is, they may be right! That's why it's crucial that when God moves the heart of a young man to explore the priesthood, parents should be supportive. True, in some cases an 18-year-old may not be mature enough to enter seminary right out of high school. But many are ready. And today's college seminaries are places of joy, camaraderie, and deep spiritual growth. Even if your son goes to college seminary and eventually discerns he is not called to priesthood, don't think he'll have to "make up for lost time." Thousands of former seminarians look back on their seminary days with great affection and gratitude!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. A family Holiday movie will be shown and all children and adults are invited. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic drink! Wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket!

THE 6th ANNUAL UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER 5K RUN & 2 MILE WALK will be held Saturday, December 14th at St. Bartholomew's In Crabtree, PA (2538 State Route 119, Crabtree, PA 15624). Race day registration and packet pick up begins at 9:30 a.m. and the race begins at 11:00 a.m. Registration is open and you can visit rungsi-nup.com to sign up. Please email Julie at julesann97@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to see you at this year's race!

VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT: The Blairsville Community Concert Band will present their annual Veteran's Day performance at the River Valley Senior High School auditorium on Monday, November 11th at 7:00pm. Admission is free, however voluntary donations for the support of the band are appreciated. Everyone is welcome!!

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish (Whitney), Sacred Heart Parish (Youngstown), and Trinity Lutheran Church (Latrobe) offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

"TRANSFORMED – CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD"

The Diocesan Men's Ministry Team and the Diocesan Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship will present "Transformed – Conversations with God," a gathering for men of the Diocese of Greensburg, Monday Nov. 18th, from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana. The evening will include a talk by Ryan Coyne, reflection, discussion and an opportunity for adoration and reconciliation. There is no charge.

SAVE THE DATE for the next Kerygma Discipleship Retreat, save the date for the weekend of May 16th-18th, 2025 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The retreat is an opportunity to hear God's call and experience a way to live our faith in the modern world through prayer and the Church community. It is open to all adults who desire to know Jesus in a deeper way. For information, visit www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat/.

**★ GOD BLESS ★
 OUR VETERANS!**

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
 You instill in all of Your creation an
 order and value.
 You call Your children "very good."
 We surrender to You
 the conflicts that tear your family
 apart.
 We pray for an end to blindness
 that places pride, greed, power, and
 selfishness above human dignity
 and brotherly love.
 We pray in gratitude
 for all of those who have defended
 peace, virtue, and justice with honor.
 We pray especially for those
 who have suffered in mind and body
 from the ravages of war.
 Let Your Kingdom come!
 May Your peace that surpasses all
 understanding
 reign in our hearts and in our world.
 Amen.

Conversations with God

TRANSFORMED

a gathering of Men

NOVEMBER 18

6:30 — 8:30 PM

**St. Thomas More
University Parish**

**Reflection, Discussion and
an opportunity for
Adoration and Reconciliation**



RYAN COYNE
GUEST SPEAKER

Ryan has worked in parish ministry since 2015. He is currently a Leadership Coach at Divine Renovation where he and his team coach priests and their leadership teams from across the world in the principles of parish renewal.

He holds a Master's degree in Systematic Theology from Saint Vincent Seminary, and graduated from Saint Vincent College with degrees in Theology and Philosophy. Ryan lives in Western Pennsylvania with his wife Alexi and two sons.

He enjoys hiking and biking with his family and cheering on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Ryan is also a member of his local Fire Department.



for more information visit

DioceseofGreensburg.org

The Mango Tree

Once upon a time, there lived a big mango tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it every day. He climbed to the tree top, ate the mangoes, took a nap under the shadow... He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him.

Time went by... The little boy grew, and he no longer played around the tree.

One day, the boy came back to the tree with a sad look on his face.

“Come and play with me,” the tree asked the boy.

“I am no longer a kid, I don’t play around trees anymore.” The boy replied, “I want toys. I need money to buy them.”

“Sorry, I don’t have money...but you can pick all my mangoes and sell them so you will have money.”

The boy was so excited. He picked all the mangoes on the tree and left happily. The boy didn’t come back. The tree was sad.

One day, the boy grown into a man returned. The tree was so excited.

“Come and play with me,” the tree said.

“I don’t have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?”

“Sorry, I don’t have a house, but you can chop off my branches to build your house.”

So, the man cut all the branches off the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see him happy but the boy didn’t come back afterward. The tree was again lonely and sad.

One hot summer day, the man returned and the tree was delighted.

“Come and play with me!” The tree said.

“I am sad and getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat?”

“Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy.”

So, the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and didn’t come back for a long time.

Finally, the man returned after he had been gone for so many years.

“Sorry, my boy, but I don’t have anything for you anymore. No more mangoes to give you.” The tree said.

“I don’t have teeth to bite,” the man replied.

“No more trunk for you to climb on.”

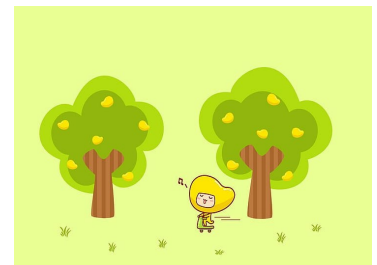
“I am too old for that now,” the man said.

“I really can’t give you anything... the only thing left is my dying roots,” the tree said with sadness.

“I don’t need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years,” the man replied.

“Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest. Come sit down with me and rest.”

The boy sat down and the tree was glad and smiled.



Lesson: The tree in the story represents our parents. When we are young, we love to play with them. When we grow up, we leave them and only come back when we need help. Parents sacrifice their lives for us.